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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:46 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: BESTT Conference Call & Fly In

From: Ken Oplinger [mailto:ken@oplinger.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:44 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: BESTT Conference Call & Fly In

Wednesday, September 12, :

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BESTT Coalition Conference Call

Just a reminder that the next **BESTT Coalition Conference Call** will be **Thursday, September 6th, at 11am PT / 2pm ET**. The call should be about one hour, and we will be discussing the September 26-27th fly-in and DOL meetings, and other important topics.

I have been in contact with the conference bridge, and am told it should work fine, so we will try again. Call in number is (605) 772-3870, and the access code is 957740#.

September DOL & Lobbying Meetings in DC

Tentative Schedule

Wednesday 26 September
8am - 4pm
Lobbying on the Hill - *Preset appointments and drop-ins*
Facilitated by Tim Shea - Lake Champlain (VT) Regional Chamber

Thursday 27 September
8am - 1pm
Lobbying on the Hill - *Preset appointments and drop-ins*
Facilitated by Ken Oplinger - Bellingham/Whatcom (WA) Chamber &
Sarah Hubbard - Detroit (MI) Regional Chamber

2:30 - 3:45pm
State Licenses as Passport Alternatives for Land and Sea Border Crossings
US Chamber of Commerce - Herman Lay Room
1615 H Street NW
Presenter: Liz Luce, Director of Washington State Licensing Department
Register via e-mail at mdendas@uschamber.com

Friday 28 September
8am - 1pm
Lobbying on the Hill - *Preset appointments and drop-ins*
Facilitated by Ken Oplinger - Bellingham/Whatcom (WA) Chamber &
Sarah Hubbard - Detroit (MI) Regional Chamber

Register at: www.BESTTCoalition.com/Conference.html

A list of hotels near 14th & K, with contact information, can be found on this site too.

Final WHTI Push is Here!

BESTT
Business for Economic Security, Tourism & Trade

With only five months to go, we have one last, very important thing that we must accomplish! We must get the June 2009 deadline for the implementation of WHTI

Together, the members of the BESTT Coalition have accomplished so much over the last two years.

We have ensured children are not encumbered by the requirements of WHTI.

We have finally seen acknowledgement from the US Government that WHTI will impact northern border communities.

We have successfully pushed for other documents to be acceptable to cross the border, including an enhanced state/provincial/territorial drivers license.

We have one last push now, and that is to solidify the June 2009 date for the final implementation of WHTI. Both the US House and Senate have separately approved this date for final implementation at least once over the last nine months, and now we must get the measure passed and to the President.

This will, however, entail considerable expenses as we travel to Washington DC, and continue to keep you informed of all the political machinations surrounding this important issue.

In other words: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

I Want to Support BESTT!

Yes!

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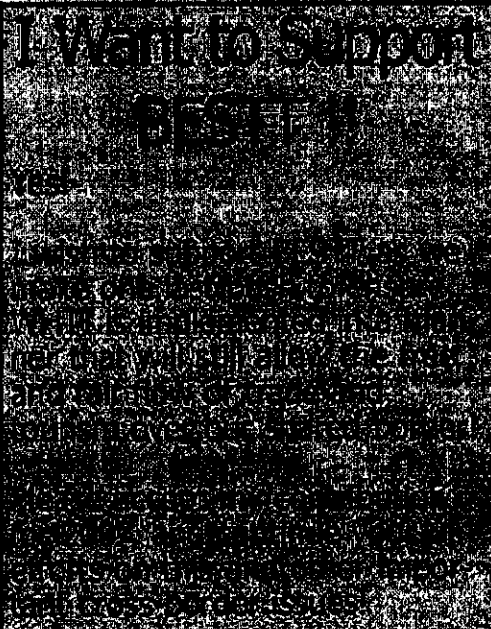
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☐ I wish to continue to support the work of the BESTT Coalition with this important contribution

$5000 ____
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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 9:13 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Report Brief: Leading for Learning 2007

From: Education Week [mailto:Education_Week_@xmr3.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:38 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Report Brief: Leading for Learning 2007

LEADING FOR LEARNING:

A Report on Leadership in Education

New challenges in education, spurred largely by the federal No Child Left Behind Act, have increased pressure on principals to improve student performance. As a result, principal preparation programs have shifted their focus to generate a new kind of school leader—one who often has more extensive leadership training and a more diverse background, according to a new report from *Education Week* and the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center.

"Leading For Learning 2007" compares the differences between up-and-coming principals—those with less than five years of experience—with veteran school leaders who have been on the job for more than 10 years, and investigates new trends in leadership development.

The Next Generation of School Leaders

The principal workforce is getting older. In the last decade, the median age of principals rose from 48 to 51 years. But newer principals tend to come from more diverse backgrounds and have a greater amount of leadership experience, trends that signal significant changes in the profession. Among the key differences between newer and veteran principals:

- **Newer principals have more leadership experience,** with more than 72 percent having been an assistant principal before their first principalship, compared with 59 percent of veterans. Just under 5 percent of new principals rose from the teaching ranks without additional administrative or leadership experience, in contrast with almost 15 percent of veteran school leaders.

- **More principals are female and from racial or ethnic minority groups.** Among up-and-coming principals, 54 percent are women and 20 percent are of color, as opposed to 36 percent and 15 percent respectively among veteran principals.

- **New principals are more often faced with challenging schools**. Half of up-and-coming principals work in schools that did not fully meet performance standards, compared with 40 percent of veteran principals.

New Approaches to Leadership Development

The "Leading for Learning" report highlights the transformation of leadership programs that are increasingly focused on the recruitment of high-quality teachers with leadership potential; greater use of practice-based curriculum to help shape instructional, rather than managerial, leaders; cooperation with local districts and schools; and acceptance of non-traditional providers of leadership training, such as nonprofit companies and district-based programs. The report also takes an in-depth look at three innovative programs that have set the tone for change, including:

- England's **National College for School Leadership**, which is the national credentialing authority for school heads, as principals are known in England.
- **New Leaders for New Schools**, which operates in nine urban districts and emphasizes accountability in training principals for the particular challenges they face there.
- **East Tennessee State University**, which has formed a collaborative partnership with two local school districts to revamp its educational leadership program with an emphasis on recruiting and mentorship.

However, despite a growing consensus on how to better prepare principals and emerging research on best practices, changes in leadership preparation are still at the margins, according to the report. Most institutions are still not teaching the kinds of skills—including the use of data, research, and performance evaluation—leaders need in the 21st century.

The 2007 *Leading for Learning* report is the fourth in a series of special reports on leadership in K-12 education underwritten by the Wallace Foundation, which seeks to improve student achievement by strengthening education leadership through the support and sharing of effective ideas and practices. For more information about the Wallace Foundation, please visit www.wallacefoundation.org.

The full report is included in *Education Week's* September 12 issue and is available online at www.edweek.org/wallace.

Online Chat: October 3, 2-3 p.m. EDT

Mark your calendars to join an online discussion on changes in principals' preparation in an era of higher academic standards. To participate, visit www.edweek-chat.org.

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Subject: FW: from THE GREENTREE GAZETTE - Avoid costly litigation and settlements

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From: chiefacademicofficer@schoolmatch.com [mailto:chiefacademicofficer@schoolmatch.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2007 7:59 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
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August 2007

Avoid costly litigation and settleme

by

William L. Bainbridge

Any higher education administrator who has not been involved in a lawsuit is unusually fortunate and will most likely sooner or later face major litigation. Although administrators make continuing efforts to protect the safety and health of campus community members, lawsuits are being filed daily.

Legal compliance, employment, business, safety, environment, social and technological risks are fertile ground for litigation. Lawsuits drain money, time and energy from institutional teaching, research and public service missions. Claims paid drive up insurance premiums, and disputes resulting in out-of-court settlem costly.

Today's issues include preventing horrid events like the attacks at Virginia Tech, conflicts in employment, tenure, intellectual property rights, date rape, accusations of hazing, managing student drinking, confidentiality of records, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, human subject research, campus crime, sexual harassment and more.

Plaintiff and defense attorneys are busy establishing "standards of care" in cases involving human resource management and campus accidents. Here are some factors to consider.

- Is institutional policy based on good judgment and consistent with the accrediting association and state or national standards that apply?
- Is the policy communicated clearly to all administrators, faculty, staff and students when appropriate?
- Is university or college in compliance with its own stated policy?
- Is policy consistent with that of comparable institutions?
- Are safety rules and guidelines followed?
- Are faculty and staff properly selected, trained and supervised?
- Is legal advice considered in the decision-making process?
- Are administrators, faculty and staff encouraged to consider legal implications associated with their actions?
- Is appropriate training provided when technology, vehicles, facilities and machinery are in use?

Reasonable mediation and dispute-resolution systems should be in place. Claims should be recorded and analyzed to prevent recurrence. Practice prevention law by frequently reviewing practices and policies with outside or in-house counsel to prevent lawsuits from occurring.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:39 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Confidential - Fagan

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

To: 'ftb907@yahoo.com' <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wed Sep 12 07:38:46 2007

Subject: Re: Confidential - Fagan

Yeah, but he replied, "I know this stuff is hard for you...". Sheeeeesh. With friends like that I don't even need enemies! Crap

----- Original Message -----

From: Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 07:31:32 2007

Subject: Re: Confidential - Fagan

Wow. Nicely put and restrained email....much more restrained than I wanted to be.

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From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 06:02:34

To:gbiegel@ak.net

Cc:fek9wnr@yahoo.com

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:12 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
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To: Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 05:16:53 2007

Subject: Fw: Climate Train is Leaving

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 6:03 AM
To: 'gbiegel@ak.net'
Cc: 'fek9wnr@yahoo.com'
Subject: Confidential - Fagan

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From:	PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
Sent:	Wednesday, September 12, 2007 6:25 AM
To:	'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject:	Glen B

Been thinking more...the other two people Glen said he was meeting with besides you and me were Loren Leman and Dave Cuddy. He said he was scheduled to speak with them about a day or two after he spoke with me. I think your answer may lie in those conversations.

Unknown

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 5:28 AM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Glen B

Frank and Kris and i were just sick to our stomachs. Frank was going to send glen an email asking "why?" - Frank used the term "...thrown under the bus".

I dont know what changed recently with glen except me not meeting with him when he wanted to have dinner two wks ago around my Juneau trip. But i, too, didn't think that was a big deal.

Again, this has proven how small the circle of "friends" is in politics. And if his support was fickle all along and one event changed everything, then i guess it was good to know that sooner rather than later. I'm glad now i didn't meet with him to talk about your or my "future plans" - it could have been used against us now that I know what he's capable of.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 21:29:51

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Glen B

The last time I spoke with Glen, he expressed no displeasure with any of your policies and commented that he thought you should be governor for eight years. I was completely surprised to read about his performance on the Fagan show. So, bottom line, nothing I can figure from my conversation with him would have precipitated the exchange with Fagan.

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 5:18 AM
To: Lawrence L Hartig
Cc: Michael A Tibbles; Sharon W Leighow
Subject: Fw: Climate Train is Leaving

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Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 13:10:18

To:"Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

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Did you respond to kate?

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 23:54:58

To:Palin Sarah' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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From: Thomas Aquinas [saquinas@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:48 PM
To: Kim; Anna C (GOV); Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: RE: Ethics Violation in Department of Administration
Importance: High

Dear Ms Kim,
Thank you for responding to my emails. I don't doubt that our governor receives a lot of emails and relies on staff to follow up. Even more importantly she relies on commissioners and other public servants to make sound ethical decisions without having to stand over their shoulders. The substance of your email demonstrates that this ethics concern has NOT been taken seriously.
I ask that the Attorney General to conduct a good faith investigation.
It would take the honest answer to one question to figure this out: Why is this HR Manager position being created in Anchorage? The answer: It was created for one reason -- the personal gain of Diane Kiesel. Ask Commissioner Krietzer: If Diane Keisel was still living in Juneau -- would this classified position be moved to Anchorage?
This is a violation of the Ethics Act.
Your email says Commissioner Kreitzer is aware of the law. In that case, she will not be able to say that she didn't realize what she or Diane Keisel is doing. It's ridiculous to say that the best person for the job can possibly be hired when the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Ms Kiesel have run off so many good applicants from applying.
If the Commissioner and Governor both really want the best person for the job, why not open the job up to people in Juneau and Anchorage, and then actually encourage quality applicants. Then the State could then put the position in the location depending on where the best applicant lives. Now that would appear far more fair and maybe undo at least part of the message that has been sent by Diane, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner that the job is Diane's already.
Please do the right thing.
Concerned Alaskan,
Tom Aquinas

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 11:35:03 -0800
From: anna.kim@alaska.gov
Subject: Ethics Violation in Department of Administration
To: saquinas@hotmail.com

Dear Mr. Aquinas,

Thank you for writing Governor Palin regarding your concerns of ethics regarding the position recruitment of Human Resources Manager II position. The Governor receives many emails such as yours and does not have time to respond personally to them all. She has asked that I respond on her behalf.

Your concerns were taken seriously. Commissioner Kreitzer is well aware of the personnel rules and laws surrounding hiring practices. No ethical violation has been found based on the information you provided regarding the recruitment of the Human Resources Manager II position.

Once the recruitment and interviewing process is completed, the expectation of both the Governor and Commissioner Kreitzer is that the best qualified candidate for the job will be chosen.

Anna

Anna Kim
Special Staff Assistant
Office of the Governor

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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 12:18 PM
To: Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Martha K (DNR); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

fyi

i thought the subcabinet was already formed via AO. we need to sign it this week.

Note: forwarded message attached.

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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 12:16 PM
To: Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

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To:	Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject:	Fw: Letter from Governor Palin
Attachments:	2007.07.30.PDF

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no one shared any of this with me Mike - what's going on with Dept of Educ and homeschoolers? I am going to have to reply to Glen that despite his requests for me to be kept in the loop on this, that the information was not shared with me. What was the date of these communications?

----- Original Message -----

From: Glen Biegel <gbiegel@ak.net>

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 09:25:25 2007

Subject: Fw: Letter from Governor Palin

Governor,

Here is a copy of a letter from Lynn Smith and an email from one of our parents.

Thanks

Glen

Here also is a paste from a different email about a response to Lynn Smith and a conversation that She, Sally Javier and I had:

Hi Lynn,

Thank you for replying. I would like to talk to you more on the comments from Barbara Thompson and share more information that I pray you will share with the

Governor. The comments from Mrs. Thompson raise many concerns for parents who have been left out of this process.

There was the perception of abuse. How many of these abuses were documented? Why didn't the DEED do something? All the laws needed to prevent that abuse were in place. All the regulations needed to stop the abuse were in place. Why was regulation written in the absence of law? Do they admit that it destroys competition? Do they admit that homeschoolers are having choice stripped from them? This was ordered by former Governor Murkowski who told his staff to shut us down and quiet the papers. Why wasn't this handled with individual teachers who had a certificate they would like to keep?

Also, Lynn, it is not going to work for Mrs. Thompson to say that Galena agreed to this. Galena was negotiating with the DEED and lobbying the legislature for other programs at the same time. Where were the other statewide programs at this meeting? Where were the parents? Open testimony was closed even though there were lots of us waiting. Does Galena speak for all? A quick call to any of the Galena folks will give you the honest answer that all statewide programs were being held at gunpoint during those meetings. The gun was that if they did not take what they were offered, the Murkowski DEED and Murkowski Board of EED would shut them down. That meeting was one of the reasons why parents organized to look after the welfare of their children.

(I'm paraphrasing here.) Glen wondered how Rep. Hawker, and not the legislators who penned the legislation, could make decisions about regulations in the face of laws that are contradict.

Governor Palin told me when we talked (she was in Fairbanks at their fair campaigning) that she believed in competition. Regulating statewide programs with regulations that do not apply to in-district homeschool programs is an equity issue that can not be ignored.

Are you still at the office this morning? If we can not visit via phone today, when do you return from your (more than likely a much needed) vacation? Lynn, who would be your back up while you are on vacation?

When Governor Palin ran for office, she, personally responded to the AHEA questionnaire promising statewide homeschoolers, many of whom campaigned for her, some very specific things. Please see the list below.

Will the Governor meet with us? Has she turned her back on her promises? Who is the Board of EED and the DEED responsible to? Where do they get their authority?

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Sally Javier

1. Currently, the State provides funding for school districts which enroll distance education students from around the state. These statewide programs currently serve nearly 10,000 Alaskan students.

1. Would you support the continuation of State supported homeschooling in its current form?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

2. Brick and mortar schools in Alaska currently spend an average of $1,500 per pupil on extra-curricular activities, yet the statewide correspondence programs are limited to spending approximately $800 per pupil for fine arts and P.E.

2. Would you support removing the regulations which cause this inequality among Alaskan students?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

3. The regulations adopted in 2004 and new interpretations of regulations adopted in 2005 impose restrictions on statewide homeschool programs which are not imposed on in-district homeschool programs.

3. Would you work with the families of over 10,000 home school students to correct the disparate treatment of homeschool families according to their enrollment in a statewide or an in-district homeschool program?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

4. The statewide programs receive only 80% of the per pupil foundation formula amount, and they receive no support from local property taxes.

4. Would you work with our members to remove the 20% funding penalty imposed on homeschool students in statewide programs?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

5. Last year, the Department of Education restricted the children of families in the statewide programs who use effective, privately purchased religious curricula, despite the fact that those materials clearly exceed the state's standards under AS 14.03.015, AS 14.07.20, etc.

5. Would you work with our families to guarantee that homeschool parents and teachers can use any materials which are aligned with state standards?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

6. State law currently places no restrictions on independent homeschoolers (AS 14.30.010.10.(b)). Nationwide, there is no correlation between state oversight and homeschooling outcomes.

6. Do you support keeping the current "hands off" approach to independent homeschooling?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

7. Homeschooling families tend to be more politically involved than the average. Many of our members would be willing to help a candidate who would support homeschooling.

7. Would you like us to tell our member families that you would welcome their help in your campaign?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

----- Original Message -----
From: "sally.javier" <sally.javier@ideafamilies.org>
To: <adougherty@gci.net>; <bheinrichs01@kodiakschools.org>; <gbiegel@ak.net>; <alaskaplantlady@alaska.net>
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 9:24 PM
Subject: FW: Letter from Governor Palin

-----Original Message-----
From: S. Nymeyer [mailto:nymeyer@gci.net]
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:54 PM
To: 'Sally Javier'; adougherty@gci.net; benshier@gci.net; bheinrichs01@kodiakschools.org; baheinrichs@hotmail.com; terinalochner@yahoo.com; gbiegel@ak.net; jclum@gci.net; jenhowie4@yahoo.com; joslin@wildak.net; alaskaplantlady@alaska.net; michelle@elementalmuse.com; nels.tomlinson@gmail.com; patshier@gci.net; peterkott1971@aol.com; peterkott@hotmail.com; sally.javier@ideafamilies.org; sguffanti@cox.net; sallyjavier@yahoo.com; kodiakak@gmail.com; vonclumm@gmail.com

Subject: FW: Letter from Governor Palin

Somehow this wasn't exactly the response I was hoping for...

Susan

-----Original Message-----

From: Castle, Lillian K (GOV) [mailto:lynn.castle@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:24 PM

To: nymeyer@gci.net

Subject: Letter from Governor Palin

Please see the attached letter from Governor Sarah Palin in response to your email.

Lynn Castle

-----Original Message-----

From: imagistics6530 [mailto:imagistics6530@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:48 PM

To: Castle, Lillian K (GOV)

Subject: Scanned PDF

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 9:39 AM
To: Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC)
Subject: Fw: Climate Train is Leaving

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Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 23:54:58

To:Palin Sarah' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 9:23 AM
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Glen B

Maybe so. Thanks sp.

I speak at Chamber of Comm in a few min. Hope your road trip is going great!

Pray for our troops. Track and his best friend enlisted in the Army's Buddy Program yesterday, lv for boot camp next wk, two yrs active duty - infantry.

------Original Message------

From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Sep 12, 2007 6:24 AM

Subject: Glen B

Been thinking more...the other two people Glen said he was meeting with besides you and me were Loren Leman and Dave Cuddy. He said he was scheduled to speak with them about a day or two after he spoke with me. I think your answer may lie in those conversations.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 9:10 AM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Ramras

I dont know how your conversations went with Ramras, Joe and Tibs... but AH was on another tear this morning using the conversation(s) against us. Maybe Ramras misconstrued the content of your conversation(s) and passed it on to AH? Or was there more to the Ramras call that I must be missing?

Also, someone told AH that Tom Irwin directed someone to spend four hours transcribing the radio rampage of Ramras' ...he was gleeful about that on the radio this morning... but he wasn't being truthful.

What am I missing here with your convo's with Ramras?

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JRBALASH]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 9:29 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Telephone Call - John Hofmeister, Shell U.S. Country Chair

It is a courtesy call to inform you of their reductions in workforce as a consequence of the permitting delays. He also wants to convey their long-term commitment to being in Alaska. There is work they will do this winter, but it won't require the same level of employees.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 09:05:32 2007

Subject: Re: Telephone Call - John Hofmeister, Shell U.S. Country Chair

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Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 08:45:11

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 9:06 AM
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To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:04 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: CSS September 2007 NEWSLETTER

From: Susan Nelson [mailto:Susan.Nelson@matsuk12.us]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:47 AM
To: Nelson@state.ak.us; Susn@state.ak.us
Cc: Luthi, Rick
Subject: CSS September 2007 NEWSLETTER

Hello CSS Students & Families, School District Staff and Community Friends:

Attached is the September 2007 Newsletter from CSS. We've attached it in two different formats for those who might need a choice. It's loaded with information on upcoming events and what's new at CSS! Be sure to check out our NEW WEBSITE at CSS.matsuk12.us ~

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JUNEAU

July 26, 2007

Ms. Susan Nymeyer
nymeyer@gci.net

Dear Ms. Nymeyer:

Thank you for contacting Governor Palin with your thoughts on the statewide correspondence programs and the selection of the new commissioner of education.

With the current makeup of the Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development (board), I am sure that the interview process for the new commissioner will include discussion of home school, correspondence, and all elements of our education system. As you may have heard, the board decided to extend its search for a new commissioner. Barbara Thompson, the current deputy commissioner, has been named the interim commissioner.

As you know, Governor Palin, as well as the board, is supportive of educational choice. The board has made two attempts to address the statewide correspondence concerns through the regulatory process. The last time was in 2004. The board now believes that if any further changes need to be made to the equity issue, a legislative solution is needed.

At their last meeting, the board elected a new chairperson, Esther Cox. As the new chair, she will be addressing the outstanding issues related to statewide correspondence programs.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact Governor Palin with your thoughts about Alaska's education system.

Sincerely,

Lynne Smith

Lynne Smith
Special Staff Assistant to Governor Palin

cc: Roger Sampson, Commissioner, Department of Education and Early Development
Ester Cox, Chairman, State Board of Education and Early Development

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:42 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Glen B

That email must have been difficult for you to write. Thankfully, our battle's been won. We will trust and look forward.

Have a great day!

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:53 PM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Fw: Climate Train is Leaving

I meant im signing it on friday, not tomorrow. DEC wants the climate change message to be incorporated into energy messages, just fyi.

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 06:14:12

To:"Sean Parnell" <SR_Parnell@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: Fw: Climate Train is Leaving

I'm signing the AO tomorrow that formed the climate change subcommittee - in Juneau. They should appreciate hearing that.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 05:59:09

To:"Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,"Lawrence L Hartig" <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Bruce F (DNR) Anders" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>,"Cora Crome" <cora.crome@alaska.gov>,"Sharon W Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Michael A Nizich" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>,"Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kristina Y Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>,"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

Tom: I probably won't have time tonight to get those points made in our messaging for tomorrow, so im going to cc others who may be putting something together for tomorrow's AO signing.

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 21:56:29

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Lawrence L Hartig <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>

Cc:Anders Bruce <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Climate Train is Leaving

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From: "gov.sarah@yahoo.com" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: "Lawrence L Hartig" <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>

Sent: 9/12/07 8:41 PM

Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

Pls make sure all others involved in friday's messaging has your info. Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)" <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 20:27:41

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

Governor,

We will be providing a status report to your office tomorrow on the status of the sub-cabinet and DEC's work on Climate Change issues. If there is any other assistance we can provide on the press release for Friday, we will be pleased to do this.

Larry

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC); Katz, John W (GOV)

Cc: Stapleton, Meghan N (GOV); Crome, Cora J (GOV)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 17:57:14 2007

Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

We need to do a presser on this on friday

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 14:13:38

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Climate Train is Leaving

I had Cora give a run down on what is happening with the Climate Change sub-cabinet. See below.

I just spoke with Larry and got a little more information on a few topics.

The administrative order creating the climate change sub-cabinet is ready for the Governor's signature. She will likely be signing it Friday when she is in town. It may be appropriate to issue a press release.

The climate change sub-cabinet is meeting in Fairbanks in early October. It is likely that at that meeting they will recommend that representatives from DEC be appointed observers to the Western Region Climate Initiative. Mike Tibbles already has a draft letter to that effect. As observers, we can participate in the process, but aren't necessarily agreeing to the goals they have adopted. Again, when this is finalized, we could issue a press release.

It appears that most of the suggested actions are already in the works.

From: Crome, Cora J (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:18 AM

To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Climate Change

The administration has been fairly active on climate change, although groups highly focused on the issue might desire even more action or might be unaware of some of our efforts.

* The Governor created the climate change sub-cabinet, which has been meeting regularly and coordinating between departments, the Governor's office, and the university on the issue. The sub-cabinet received a fair amount of press coverage when it was first created despite the lack of a formal announcement. If we were to finalize the administrative order creating the sub-cabinet, that might be an opportunity for a press release to again draw attention to these efforts. The sub-cabinet has been working with communities, national groups, the legislative commission, and the congressional delegation to address topics such as effects on fisheries, erosion in coastal communities, federal legislation, and carbon emissions.

* At some point, federal funding may be available to help states adapt and cope with the effects of climate change. Our D.C. office is already working closely with our congressional delegation on legislation. At this point it isn't clear whether such legislation will be passed or what form it may take, but our office is working to ensure that Alaska benefits from any such legislation.

* We have not yet spoken publicly on HB152, the renewable energy fund. This is largely due to uncertainty about the funding source. Although the concept is one that we would likely support, it is important to verify that the funding source. Options, including the possible use of remaining railbelt energy funds, are being explored. Once a concrete proposal for funding has been advanced, we will be in a position to determine and announce our support for the fund.

* The benefits of the gas pipeline to both the state and the nation have been a major focus of communications from this office. It is possible that a specific tie to climate change could be further emphasized in the future.

* The Western Region Climate Initiative is a relatively new group, formed in February of this year. Currently 6 states and 2 Canadian provinces have joined, while another 4 states and 3 provinces are observers. The climate change sub-cabinet has been discussing what the appropriate level of involvement for Alaska in this and other such initiatives might be.

* We are also coordinating with the Arctic Research Commission to identify opportunities for state involvement in research and policy matters in the Arctic as changing conditions draw increased global attention to this area.

I can follow up with Larry about progress and future plans for the climate change sub-cabinet and provide more information after I have the opportunity to talk with him.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com <mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:20 AM

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Subject: Re: Erika: This is ridiculous

Sheesh is right. We can welcome thousands of Juneau residents in at Christmas, but not the Colony High team. Give me a break!

----- Original Message -----

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To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 22:24:56 2007

Subject: Fw: Erika: This is ridiculous

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To:"Erika Fagerstrom" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

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These are good ideas. Just use what we have in the house, I'll go purchase stuff that's not already in the house if I have to, or I'll bring brownie mixes from home in Wasilla if I find the time to gather stuff up - and then the state won't have to spend anything to host these Alaskan kids so they can eat their brownies at the mansion, legally. And then from hence forth I'll remember that it's "an issue" to feed visitors. This should apply to ALL the visitors, too, though - right? Staff, legislators, Juneau community members, people outside my immediate family, etc who visit the mansion and previously would have been offered something to eat?

I don't want to sound sarcastic about this, and it's not your fault and I appreciate you seeking solutions here - but I've seen what the state spends in our $8 billion budget, and I'm doing all I can to save money out of the Governor's and Mansion's budgets... so it's impossible for me to swallow that this became an issue.

I never thought accepting a team's request to visit their mansion would have turned into an all-afternoon controversy.

Please don't purchase any food, flowers, decorations, bedding, etc for the house for my family. We're going to be under an unfair microscope and the kids and I will make do on our own with this food issue (it's evidently become an issue since we chose to save money by doing without a chef) until someone can put it writing for me what is legal, what is not legal to eat.

Make sure when you invite the Juneau team (and all future teams, classrooms, rotary clubs,

NEA groups, legislators, etc) that food won't be served until we get the "go ahead" from whomever makes these decisions for me. Don't want to do anything wrong here....

The only request I have still is for a kitchen table upstairs so we don't have to eat meals sitting on the beds or couch. I'll purchase a cheap one when I get to Juneau, as that would be cheaper than buying a cheap one here and shipping it.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 20:16:52

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: This is ridiculous

Governor,

Sorry I was rushing out the door for K's Open House..

I'd be willing to use up stuff (3jars of sauce & pkg. of noodles, etc) that we have at the House and just buy some extra spagh. sauce and noodles at Costco and do a low budget dinner for Colony. I'd donate the sauce and noodles if we just wanted to stay away from adding extra costs; might be able to get a donated container of a drink from McDonalds...and use up leftover reception food and we have a box of mic. popcorn plus brownies.

I really don't want to try to push anything on you, just ideas.

Erika

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 16:41:32 2007

Subject: This is ridiculous

Erika - huge issues seem to have erupted on the visiting football team on Friday. This "controversy" stems from the perception that I'd be favoring a visiting team from the Valley over the local Juneau team, and that "parents are sensitive to this, they may write letters to the editor", etc.

What a crock.

We've hosted so many groups, classrooms, teams, etc in the mansion and/or the Juneau office and no one has said boo about it.

There's questions about who'd pay for what (food-wise) if the visiting team came over. It's obvious the question is being asked because this is a visiting team, and not Juneau (tho I was anxious to have the Juneau visit too). I am sickened by this controversy.

A budget meeting where Perez and Rehfeld brought this up? These type of issues, obviously, were never dealt with by Knowles and Murkowski - I am sickened by this and Erika and I were excited to get to invite more Alaskan kids to see THEIR mansion, not our's.

So as to not disappoint the team, but to not get me, my administration or Erika in trouble, no food will be served unless the team brings it themselves... sounds like the controversy was also over "the State can't pay for the food since there isn't an in-house chef anymore"... So no food.

Add to the solutions' list Mike, Erika, etc so we can conclude this issue before it gets even uglier.

Again, I am heartsick that anyone perceived this a negative thing.

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These are good ideas. Just use what we have in the house, I'll go purchase stuff that's not already in the house if I have to, or I'll bring brownie mixes from home in Wasilla if I find the time to gather stuff up - and then the state won't have to spend anything to host these Alaskan kids so they can eat their brownies at the mansion, legally. And then from hence forth I'll remember that it's "an issue" to feed visitors. This should apply to ALL the visitors, too, though - right? Staff, legislators, Juneau community members, people outside my immediate family, etc who visit the mansion and previously would have been offered something to eat?

I don't want to sound sarcastic about this, and it's not your fault and I appreciate you seeking solutions here - but I've seen what the state spends in our $8 billion budget, and I'm doing all I can to save money out of the Governor's and Mansion's budgets... so it's impossible for me to swallow that this became an issue.

I never thought accepting a team's request to visit their mansion would have turned into an all-afternoon controversy.

Please don't purchase any food, flowers, decorations, bedding, etc for the house for my family. We're going to be under an unfair microscope and the kids and I will make do on our own with this food issue (it's evidently become an issue since we chose to save money by doing without a chef) until someone can put it writing for me what is legal, what is not legal to eat.

Make sure when you invite the Juneau team (and all future teams, classrooms, rotary clubs, NEA groups, legislators, etc) that food won't be served until we get the "go ahead" from whomever makes these decisions for me. Don't want to do anything wrong here....

The only request I have still is for a kitchen table upstairs so we don't have to eat meals sitting on the beds or couch. I'll purchase a cheap one when I get to Juneau, as that would be cheaper than buying a cheap one here and shipping it.

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Governor,

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I really don't want to try to push anything on you, just ideas.

Erika

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Sent: Wed Sep 12 16:41:32 2007

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What a crock.

We've hosted so many groups, classrooms, teams, etc in the mansion and/or the Juneau office and no one has said boo about it.

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A budget meeting where Perez and Rehfeld brought this up? These type of issues, obviously, were never dealt with by Knowles and Murkowski - I am sickened by this and Erika and I were excited to get to invite more Alaskan kids to see THEIR mansion, not our's.

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Add to the solutions' list Mike, Erika, etc so we can conclude this issue before it gets even uglier.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:11 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Ak Power Assoc Conference

Tomorrow at APA conference I am going to speak on AGIA progress, ACES, and rural energy costs.

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I also discuss conservation and energy efficiency as low hanging fruit for all to shoot for...and, provide a bit of a discussion on renewables and alternative energy--though I make it clear we don't support massive spending in these areas.

Let me know if you can think of any landmines. Thank you.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:05 PM
To: Campbell; Craig (MVA)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Alaska Guard Kuwait Return (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks - I'll cc Janice so we can note this possible event. It will be joyous to have them arrive safe and sound.

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Subject: Alaska Guard Kuwait Return (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Governor:

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A budget meeting where Perez and Rehfeld brought this up? These type of issues, obviously, were never dealt with by Knowles and Murkowski - I am sickened by this and Erika and I were excited to get to invite more Alaskan kids to see THEIR mansion, not our's.

So as to not disappoint the team, but to not get me, my administration or Erika in trouble, no food will be served unless the team brings it themselves... sounds like the controversy was also over "the State can't pay for the food since there isn't an in-house chef anymore"... So no food.

Add to the solutions' list Mike, Erika, etc so we can conclude this issue before it gets even uglier.

Again, I am heartsick that anyone perceived this a negative thing.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:48 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: ACES

Heard there's a Tuesday House hearing on ACES. Senate Minority waiting to see if Senate Majority going to ask for a similar briefing. If the silence fr Senate Majority remains deafening, Senate Minority might ask for same hearing or q and a opportunity House has.

Senate Minority generally favorable but individual members are going to wait on the "details" of ACES before going all in.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 5:57 PM
To: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Katz; John W (GOV)
Cc: Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); Crome; Cora J (GOV)
Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

We need to do a presser on this on friday

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 14:13:38

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Climate Train is Leaving

I had Cora give a run down on what is happening with the Climate Change sub-cabinet. See below.

I just spoke with Larry and got a little more information on a few topics.

The administrative order creating the climate change sub-cabinet is ready for the Governor's signature. She will likely be signing it Friday when she is in town. It may be appropriate to issue a press release.

The climate change sub-cabinet is meeting in Fairbanks in early October. It is likely that at that meeting they will recommend that representatives from DEC be appointed observers to the Western Region Climate Initiative. Mike Tibbles already has a draft letter to that effect. As observers, we can participate in the process, but aren't necessarily agreeing to the goals they have adopted. Again, when this is finalized, we could issue a press release.

It appears that most of the suggested actions are already in the works.

From: Crome, Cora J (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:18 AM

To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Climate Change

The administration has been fairly active on climate change, although groups highly focused on the issue might desire even more action or might be unaware of some of our efforts.

* The Governor created the climate change sub-cabinet, which has been meeting regularly and coordinating between departments, the Governor's office, and the university on the issue. The sub-cabinet received a fair amount of press coverage when it was first created despite the lack of a formal announcement. If we were to finalize the administrative order creating the sub-cabinet, that might be an opportunity for a press release to again draw attention to these efforts. The sub-cabinet has been working with communities, national groups, the legislative commission, and the congressional delegation to address topics such as effects on fisheries, erosion in coastal communities, federal legislation, and carbon emissions.

* At some point, federal funding may be available to help states adapt and cope with the effects of climate change. Our D.C. office is already working closely with our congressional delegation on legislation. At this point it isn't clear whether such legislation will be passed or what form it may take, but our office is working to ensure that Alaska benefits from any such legislation.

* We have not yet spoken publicly on HB152, the renewable energy fund. This is largely due to uncertainty about the funding source. Although the concept is one that we would likely support, it is important to verify that the funding source. Options, including the possible use of remaining railbelt energy funds, are being explored. Once a concrete proposal for funding has been advanced, we will be in a position to determine and announce our support for the fund.

* The benefits of the gas pipeline to both the state and the nation have been a major focus of communications from this office. It is possible that a specific tie to climate change could be further emphasized in the future.

* The Western Region Climate Initiative is a relatively new group, formed in February of this year. Currently 6 states and 2 Canadian provinces have joined, while another 4 states and 3 provinces are observers. The climate change sub-cabinet has been discussing what the appropriate level of involvement for Alaska in this and other such initiatives might be.

* We are also coordinating with the Arctic Research Commission to identify opportunities for state involvement in research and policy matters in the Arctic as changing conditions draw increased global attention to this area.

I can follow up with Larry about progress and future plans for the climate change sub-cabinet and provide more information after I have the opportunity to talk with him.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:20 AM

To: Leschper, Mary C (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Fw: Climate Train is Leaving

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 23:54:58

To:Palin Sarah' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: FW: Climate Train is Leaving

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 3:30 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Travel info

1. You've got an invite from principal Wendy Taylor to visit Glacier View School by Mat Glacier. Great place to stop and have lunch with kids.

2. In Glenallen region, Copper Center seems to be most hurting, dysfunctional area. Most of Glenallen's OCS cases and trooper domestic calls originate there.

3. Native v non Native issues simmering. Came up several time--one example...swim lessons operated by tribe with fed dollars offers it free to Native children, 60 dollars per kid if you are non-Native.

4. Roads definitely need work.

5. Glenallen High has a shop for shop class that isn't used during summer. Could be leveraged for workforce devel training?? School construction coming along well (adding elementary wing to new high school wing).

6. Ahtna-State land issues simmering. Have to talk another time.

7. I get people telling me what a breath of fresh air you/we are. It's all positive from that aspect.

Just arriving in Valdez.

Unknown

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 1:20 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Chancellor's Report September 2007

-----Original Message-----

From: Ann Ringstad [mailto:fydist@uaf.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:34 AM

To: fydist@uaf.edu

Subject: Chancellor's Report September 2007

Greetings,

The September 2007 issue of Steve Jones' Chancellor's Report highlighting recent achievements and developments at UAF is now available for your review at http://www.uaf.edu/chancellor/report/index.html. The report is published five times a year and is included in the informational packets at each regular meeting of the UA Board of Regents.

If you have any trouble accessing these files, or would prefer a hard copy of the report, contact University Relations at (907) 474-7581 or via e-mail at fyurel@uaf.edu.

Sincerely,

Ann Ringstad, Associate Vice Chancellor

University Relations

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From: Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LLHARTIG]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 12:59 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

Governor,

The sub-cabinet has been up and running since spring. The AO is finalized. I'll make sure it is in your office in Juneau when you get there on Friday.

Thanks,

Larry

----- Original Message -----

From: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 12:16:01 2007

Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

I thought we already formed the subcabinet with the AO... if it still hasn't been signed then pls set that up for a signing to take place in Juneau on Friday. is the AO ready to go?

"Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)" <larry.hartig@alaska.gov> wrote:

Governor,

I didn't get Kate's email referred to in Tom's email. I suspect she wants a more agressive schedule for the State's response to climate change.

Currently, we are forming workgroups who are advising the subcabinet in particular areas, including what are the most immediate needs in terms of threats to villages and state infrastructure.

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

I am currently on my way to Seattle for the Pacific NW Clean Seas (Oil Spill Prevention) conference. I will be back in Anchorage late Friday afternoon. Please let me know if you would like to discuss our Climate Change actions and opportunities further. I would appreciate this opportunity.

Larry

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 05:16:53 2007

Subject: Fw: Climate Train is Leaving

Larry - what can i do to help w/ your climate change messaging? Pls see emails below:

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 13:10:18

To:"Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

Where is dec on this lately? All of our plates are full, but if im missing

something here w/climate opportunities ive been waiting for larry to let me know what they're doing next and how i can help.

Did you respond to kate?

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:29 AM
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: Ramras

Thanks Joe - So what did you do to defend the admin in these conversations? And Jay spoke at the ethics bill signing ceremony... I did not snub him - and i read the script laid out in front of me at that ceremony. I'm sure Bitney has done all he can to help with this issue, right? As he's the one who set up the bill signing ceremony.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 10:48:36

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Ramras

I had two conversations with Ramras.

The first occurred after his appearance on the radio. I called to give him a hard time--that apparently he blows smoke when he talks to me and turns around and disparages me when he's talking to his buddies in the business community. I had to cut the conversation short, but said I would be calling him over the weekend about the special session.

The second call occurred on Monday before the press conference. It was a verrry long conversation where he vented on a number of fronts. The first was about your use of the word corruption when speaking about PPT. His feeling, and the feeling of many of his colleagues (according to him-but somewhat verified by the calls I made to the other house majority members), is that all legislators are under the gun and assumed

guilty by the public. He probably spent 20 minutes going on and on about this.

The second issue he is upset about revolves around the ethics bill. He feels snubbed by the way the bill signing was handled. After making an accommodation for you to come introduce the omnibus bill in his Judiciary Committee, he feels like he deserves a little gratitude for the slings and arrows he took--particularly because all his bills died in the Senate as a consequence. At the signing ceremony in July, you thanked "Hollis French and all the other legislators" who helped make the bill happen. The fact that he is holding on to those particular words two months later suggests to me that he has taken this very, very personally.

Between those two issues, he is convinced that the public thinks you are against all Republicans and out to help Hollis French and the Democrats--that somehow they are the only "pure" politicians. He is adamant that the way you talk about the corruption issue does nothing to provide cover for those in the majority who are not corrupt. With that, he is turning to the PPT issue and suggesting that the dynamic you have set up is for legislators to follow your lead--otherwise they are corrupt. He is not willing to follow your lead; he believes that he in particular worked hard to change the PPT from the Murkowski version and that he, nor most of his colleagues, were corrupted on the vote; he also believes changing taxes this often is bad policy; he thinks this is all political opportunity rather than focused policy.

The bottom line is, he feels threatened politically and that he needs to go on the offensive to voice why he is going to be a "no" vote. Otherwise, it's his sense that being a quiet "no" is going to be taken as an indication that he is corrupt. Therefore, he has to explain loudly why he opposes you on this subject.

I have to say that, based on the conversations I had with House Majority

members ahead of the press conference, he is not alone. There is a real need for you to continue expressing appreciation for the honest and deliberate members of the legislature. Some of them arrived at the 20% tax rate for valid reasons. Some of them, obviously, arrived at 20% for other reasons--some corrupt. Differentiating between the two is important--and likely to be the subject of another op-ed in the communications plan for ACES.

I hope this provides some insight into Ramras' behavior. Halcro's is just the manifestation of a spoiled brat who is a sore loser--who wants to run for Congress and join his friend, Lisa Murkowski, in the US Senate.

Joe

-----Original Message-----
From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 9:10 AM
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Irwin, Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Ramras

I dont know how your conversations went with Ramras, Joe and Tibs... but AH was on another tear this morning using the conversation(s) against us. Maybe Ramras misconstrued the content of your conversation(s) and passed it on to AH? Or was there more to the Ramras call that I must be missing?

Also, someone told AH that Tom Irwin directed someone to spend four hours transcribing the radio rampage of Ramras' ...he was gleeful about that on the radio this morning... but he wasn't being truthful.

What am I missing here with your convo's with Ramras?

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:01 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Letter from Governor Palin

I will go chek on the letters and dates. I asked Lynne about her recent contact with Glenn and she said two weeks ago she passed along that next week's board meeting will not only take public testimony but will hold a worksession on the homeschoolers issue. She received the impression that he was happy that that board is taking up the issue.

A while back Roger brought in RichMauer who was the board chair. They walked through the campaign survey and pressed you for direction. At that meeting, I reuested we have a folow up to really dig into the issue. We did that and we pressed the dept for solutions. Roger was under the impression that the legislature should take up the issue. He believes the board has tried twice and now the legislature should take it from here. One clear message he passed along was that the issue is very divisive and to go as afr as Glenn would like would set off every school district and thousands of parents.

I will still get more info on the letter to make sure we both know what was sent out. However, I don't know if we should get in the middle of the board's work before they make a recommendation.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>

To: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Sent: 9/12/2007 10:43 AM

Subject: Fw: Letter from Governor Palin

no one shared any of this with me Mike - what's going on with Dept of Educ and homeschoolers? I am going to have to reply to Glen that despite his requests for me to be kept in the loop on this, that the information was not shared with me. What was the date of these communications?

----- Original Message -----

From: Glen Biegel <gbiegel@ak.net>

To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 09:25:25 2007

Subject: Fw: Letter from Governor Palin

Governor,

Here is a copy of a letter from Lynn Smith and an email from one of our parents.

Thanks

Glen

Here also is a paste from a different email about a response to Lynn Smith and a conversation that She, Sally Javier and I had:

Hi Lynn,

Thank you for replying. I would like to talk to you more on the comments from Barbara Thompson and share more information that I pray you will share with the Governor. The comments from Mrs. Thompson raise many concerns for parents who have been left out of this process.

There was the perception of abuse. How many of these abuses were documented? Why didn't the DEED do something? All the laws needed to prevent that abuse were in place. All the regulations needed to stop the abuse were in place. Why was regulation written in the absence of law? Do they admit that it destroys competition? Do they admit that homeschoolers are having choice stripped from them? This was ordered by former Governor Murkowski who told his staff to shut us down and quiet the papers. Why wasn't this handled with individual teachers who had a certificate they would like to keep?

Also, Lynn, it is not going to work for Mrs. Thompson to say that Galena agreed to this. Galena was negotiating with the DEED and lobbying the legislature for

other programs at the same time. Where were the other statewide programs at this meeting? Where were the parents? Open testimony was closed even though there were lots of us waiting. Does Galena speak for all? A quick call to any of the Galena folks will give you the honest answer that all statewide programs were being held at gunpoint during those meetings. The gun was that if they did not take what they were offered, the Murkowski DEED and Murkowski Board of EED would shut them down. That meeting was one of the reasons why parents organized to look after the welfare of their children.

(I'm paraphrasing here.) Glen wondered how Rep. Hawker, and not the legislators who penned the legislation, could make decisions about regulations in the face of laws that are contradict.

Governor Palin told me when we talked (she was in Fairbanks at their fair campaigning) that she believed in competition. Regulating statewide programs with regulations that do not apply to in-district homeschool programs is an equity issue that can not be ignored.

Are you still at the office this morning? If we can not visit via phone today, when do you return from your (more than likely a much needed) vacation? Lynn, who would be your back up while you are on vacation?

When Governor Palin ran for office, she, personally responded to the AHEA questionnaire promising statewide homeschoolers, many of whom campaigned for her, some very specific things. Please see the list below.

Will the Governor meet with us? Has she turned her back on her promises? Who is the Board of EED and the DEED responsible to? Where do they get their authority?

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Sally Javier

1. Currently, the State provides funding for school districts which enroll distance education students from around the state. These statewide programs currently serve nearly 10,000 Alaskan students.

1. Would you support the continuation of State supported homeschooling in its current form?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

2. Brick and mortar schools in Alaska currently spend an average of $1,500 per pupil on extra-curricular activities, yet the statewide correspondence programs are limited to spending approximately $800 per pupil for fine arts and P.E.

2. Would you support removing the regulations which cause this inequality among

Alaskan students?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

3. The regulations adopted in 2004 and new interpretations of regulations adopted in 2005 impose restrictions on statewide homeschool programs which are not imposed on in-district homeschool programs.

3. Would you work with the families of over 10,000 home school students to correct the disparate treatment of homeschool families according to their enrollment in a statewide or an in-district homeschool program?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

4. The statewide programs receive only 80% of the per pupil foundation formula amount, and they receive no support from local property taxes.

4. Would you work with our members to remove the 20% funding penalty imposed on homeschool students in statewide programs?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

5. Last year, the Department of Education restricted the children of families in the statewide programs who use effective, privately purchased religious curricula, despite the fact that those materials clearly exceed the state's standards under AS 14.03.015, AS 14.07.20, etc.

5. Would you work with our families to guarantee that homeschool parents and

teachers can use any materials which are aligned with state standards?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

6. State law currently places no restrictions on independent homeschoolers (AS 14.30.010.10.(b)). Nationwide, there is no correlation between state oversight and homeschooling outcomes.

6. Do you support keeping the current "hands off" approach to independent homeschooling?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

7. Homeschooling families tend to be more politically involved than the average. Many of our members would be willing to help a candidate who would support homeschooling.

7. Would you like us to tell our member families that you would welcome their help in your campaign?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

----- Original Message -----

From: "sally.javier" <sally.javier@ideafamilies.org>

To: <adougherty@gci.net>; <bheinrichs01@kodiakschools.org>; <gbiegel@ak.net>; <alaskaplantlady@alaska.net>

Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 9:24 PM

Subject: FW: Letter from Governor Palin

-----Original Message-----

From: S. Nymeyer [mailto:nymeyer@gci.net]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:54 PM

To: 'Sally Javier'; adougherty@gci.net; benshier@gci.net; bheinrichs01@kodiakschools.org; baheinrichs@hotmail.com; terinalochner@yahoo.com; gbiegel@ak.net; jclum@gci.net; jenhowie4@yahoo.com; joslin@wildak.net; alaskaplantlady@alaska.net; michelle@elementalmuse.com; nels.tomlinson@gmail.com; patshier@gci.net; peterkott1971@aol.com; peterkott@hotmail.com; sally.javier@ideafamilies.org; sguffanti@cox.net; sallyjavier@yahoo.com; kodiakak@gmail.com; vonclumm@gmail.com

Subject: FW: Letter from Governor Palin

Somehow this wasn't exactly the response I was hoping for...

Susan

-----Original Message-----

From: Castle, Lillian K (GOV) [mailto:lynn.castle@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:24 PM

To: nymeyer@gci.net

Subject: Letter from Governor Palin

Please see the attached letter from Governor Sarah Palin in response to your email.

Lynn Castle

-----Original Message-----

From: imagistics6530 [mailto:imagistics6530@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:48 PM

To: Castle, Lillian K (GOV)

Subject: Scanned PDF

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:30 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

You may want to schedule a meeting with Annette to brief you on steps DOA has taken through the last few months to clean up ETS (our IT group) and to ensure proper procedures (or not) were followed related to contracts for VOIP (voice over internet protocol), E911, ALMR (the penultimate turf war between DMVA and DOA).

We've had concerns expressed to our office that we've talked with Annette about, Rachael Petro, and Mike T. Not sure whether they were ever elevated to you.

I've just heard that both Con Bunde and Eddie Burke have been asking around after these issues so I don't want you blindsided without an understanding of what DOA has done and is doing to address the issues.

Through the months we've been feeding everything we're hearing either to DOA or Mike or both.

I've got to stop traveling so I don't have to send you so many emails with heads ups...

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 5:35 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: RE: This is ridiculous

Hello Governor,

What if we were pro-active with this- as I think it's a good opportunity to show hospitality to Colony while they're in Juneau; and to the Juneau team.

To ward off any potential for a negative response- I could speak to the Juneau coaching staff tonight (and players) and let them know that you'd like to have them over for dinner to celebrate their successful season. We could host the dinner on a Thursday evening before one of their home games (we have 3 in a row); either the House could provide the spaghetti fixings or our 1st & 10 Club could. We could work out details later, but the invitation would already be extended.

We could go ahead with the Colony dinner and I could just purchase the items at Costco (spagh. stuff or frz. pizzas), then it's not like we have a check out to Domino's.

I spoke with Linda yesterday, before I moved ahead with the pizzas and she had *absolutely no prob*lem with state money being spent on the f-ball team. I always like to make sure I'm not doing something that will reflect poorly on you; and there wasn't anything negative implied in her response.

Besides your a Hockey Mom/Governor, so it makes sense that you'd have kids over!

Please let me know how you'd like to proceed.

Thanks!

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Erika Fagerstrom
Executive Residence Manager
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716 Calhoun Avenue, Juneau, Alaska 99801
Phone: 907-465-3500; Fax: 907-465-2031

-----Original Message-----
From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 4:42 PM
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: This is ridiculous

Erika - huge issues seem to have erupted on the visiting football team on Friday. This "controversy" stems from the perception that I'd be favoring a visiting team from the Valley over the local Juneau team, and that "parents are sensitive to this, they may write letters to the editor", etc.

What a crock.

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Cc:	Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); 'Frank Bailey'; Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject:	RE: Ramras

I explained to him that we are taking the politics out of it. If politics were driving us, we would have rolled out a gross tax without regard for the impact on the investment climate. When he challenged me on holding a special session during the corruption trials, I pointed out that we already have a very full legislative session: revenue sharing, PERS/TERS, & K-12 cost factors are all left over from last year; operating/capital budgets; energy issues (hopefully); and AGIA license approval. That's a full plate--and we have to do it all within 90 days due to a voter-passed initiative (we both knew it was his initiative so I didn't mention that...I just let it twist away at him). I told him that we both know it is unlikely the Legislature would be able to add this to their agenda and actually get it done--that those asking for it to be held until the regular session are the same folks saying nothing needs to be done.

Also, this issue needs to just stand on its own--no horse-trading in the capital budget or for other legislation. Besides, if we know there's problems and that we need better tools to administer a net system, then it's irresponsible to do nothing. He seemed to back down a bit at that point.

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Mike

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It relates to the proposed federal rules covering the relationship between lenders and colleges and universities that could hurt the ability of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to provide the best services and lowest-cost loans to Alaska students (an unintended consequence of the federal crackdown on sweetheart deals between some lenders and some schools) which is exactly what the commission is told to do under state law.

Lynne

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9-07-07.

Very preliminary information relating to prior administrations comparisons… we are still working through documents to sort out the travel information, including the public safety billings for flight charges. The preliminary travel costs reflected here are for per diem reimbursements and commercial transportation expenditures only.

Governor Palin days out of Juneau since taking office through 9/4/2007 are 173.

The commercial transportation, lodging and per diem paid in conjunction with this travel is $28,446.46 **NOTE: does not yet include public safety charges for any King Air Travel.

Governor Murkowski's comparable timeframe comparison:

Days out of Juneau from taking office through 8/24/2003 was 124.

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Prior administrations annual travel by calendar year without the public safety billing information:

Gov. Murkowski

Additional	2003 travel	70 days out of Juneau	$17,571.16 cost
2004		178 days out of Juneau	$29,213.13 cost
2005		202 days out of Juneau	$44,607.74 cost
2006		193 days out of Juneau	$52,065.79

Additionally, Governor's Office maintained an apartment in Anchorage for Governor Murkowski from May 2005 through November 2006 at a rental rate of $900.00 per month.

Gov. Knowles (Days out of Juneau estimates only based on reported per diem - travel documents have been destroyed. Travel information from annual travel reports.)

1999	80 days out of Juneau	$57,392 WITH

King Air billing

King Air billing	2000	152 days out of Juneau	$89,578 WITH
King Air	2001	163 days out of Juneau	$55,490 WITHOUT
King Air	2002	148 days out of Juneau	$28,876 WITHOUT

Additional items:

First Gentleman's travel costs from 12/06 through 6/3/2007 totals $7,344

Governor has declined First Family per diem reimbursements to date of $1,982

Mrs. Murkowski's travel costs:

2002	$1,860
2003	$29,608
2004	$13,607
2005	$43,659
2006	$35,675

Additional cost savings to Governor's Office budget:

Reduction in security detail $25,000 savings

Additional savings due to use of King Air over West Wind still to be determined

Additional cost savings to Governor's House budget:

Chef to seasonal position $40,079 savings

House expenses 5/07 - 8/07 $ 4,229 (food, etc. purchases as compared to same period in 2006)

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To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Perez, Linda J (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Mary C (GOV)

Cc: Frank Bailey; Todd Palin; Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Re: Anchorage office

Linda: Do these figures account for the Inaugural Committee and Palin family paying for travels?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 09 Sep 2007 09:27:54

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Perez, Linda J (GOV)" <linda.perez@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Leschper, Mary C (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Cc:Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>,"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Anchorage office

I'll have a copy printed for you in the office tomorrow.

9-07-07

Very preliminary information relating to prior administrations comparisons… we are still working through documents to sort out the travel information, including the public safety billings for flight charges. The preliminary travel costs reflected here are for per diem reimbursements and commercial transportation expenditures only.

Governor Palin days out of Juneau since taking office through 9/4/2007 are 173.

The commercial transportation, lodging and per diem paid in conjunction with this travel is $28,446.46 **NOTE: does not yet include public safety charges for any King Air Travel.

Governor Murkowski's comparable timeframe comparison:

Days out of Juneau from taking office through 8/24/2003 was 124.

The commercial transportation, lodging and per diem paid in conjunction with this travel was $18,553.32 **NOTE: no public safety charges yet included.. Governor Murkowski only had two trips with commercial airfare costs within this timeframe. There will be considerably more costs when the flight logs and billings are calculated.

Prior administrations annual travel by calendar year without the public safety billing information:

Gov. Murkowski

Additional	2003 travel	70 days out of Juneau	$17,571.16 cost
2004		178 days out of Juneau	$29,213.13 cost
2005		202 days out of Juneau	$44,607.74 cost
2006		193 days out of Juneau	$52,065.79

Additionally, Governor's Office maintained an apartment in Anchorage for Governor Murkowski from May 2005 through November 2006 at a rental rate of $900.00 per month.

Gov. Knowles (Days out of Juneau estimates only based on reported per diem - travel documents have been destroyed. Travel information from annual travel reports.)

1999	80 days out of Juneau	$57,392 WITH

King Air billing

King Air billing	2000	152 days out of Juneau	$89,578 WITH
King Air	2001	163 days out of Juneau	$55,490 WITHOUT
King Air	2002	148 days out of Juneau	$28,876 WITHOUT

Additional items:

First Gentleman's travel costs from 12/06 through 6/3/2007 totals $7,344

Governor has declined First Family per diem reimbursements to date of $1,982

Mrs. Murkowski's travel costs:

2002	$1,860
2003	$29,608
2004	$13,607
2005	$43,659
2006	$35,675

Additional cost savings to Governor's Office budget:

Reduction in security detail $25,000 savings

Additional savings due to use of King Air over West Wind still to be determined

Additional cost savings to Governor's House budget:

Chef to seasonal position $40,079 savings

House expenses 5/07 - 8/07 $ 4,229 (food, etc. purchases as compared to same period in 2006)

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sun 9/9/2007 9:07 AM

To: Perez, Linda J (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Mary C (GOV)

Cc: Frank Bailey; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd Palin; Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Re: Anchorage office

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Perez, Linda J (GOV)" <linda.perez@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 07 Sep 2007 17:33:57

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Leschper, Mary C (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Cc:Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>,"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Anchorage office

Good evening Governor,

I've attached very PRELIMINARY information regarding our current costs as compared to prior administrations as requested in prior emails. We are still working through travel documents and will need to go through flight logs and public safety billings to obtain complete information. I hope to provide the full scenario by mid-week. We will also provide more detailed travel scenarios specific to Anchorage travel and costs that I believe will provide a more accurate comparison between the administrations.

I apologize again for the delay Governor, but we still have a significant amount of documents to work through.

If you think of any additional area of comparison, please let me know.

Thank you,

Linda

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com <mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Friday, September 07, 2007 7:31 AM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perez, Linda J (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Mary C (GOV); Perez, Linda J (GOV)

Cc: Frank Bailey; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd Palin

Subject: Anchorage office

How close are we to having the numbers showing #of days former Gov(s) spent out of Juneau compared to my travels/housing expenses? The public deserves clarity on this as the misperception is I'm "living and working" in the Valley. If, as Security and administrators tell me, Murk and Knowles also worked out of the Anchorage office and spent many, many days out of Juneau - then the fair comparison needs to be made and presented. The other missing point in the coverage of this issue is that the Anchorage office is the workplace.

When I requested this info a couple of weeks ago I wasn't sure who was heading it up - please let me know as soon as possible who is and what the progress is. Thanks

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Unknown

From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 2:14 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: RE: Climate Train is Leaving

I had Cora give a run down on what is happening with the Climate Change sub-cabinet. See below.

I just spoke with Larry and got a little more information on a few topics.
The administrative order creating the climate change sub-cabinet is ready for the Governor's signature. She will likely be signing it Friday when she is in town. It may be appropriate to issue a press release. The climate change sub-cabinet is meeting in Fairbanks in early October. It is likely that at that meeting they will recommend that representatives from DEC be appointed observers to the Western Region Climate Initiative. Mike Tibbles already has a draft letter to that effect. As observers, we can participate in the process, but aren't necessarily agreeing to the goals they have adopted. Again, when this is finalized, we could issue a press release.
It appears that most of the suggested actions are already in the works.

From: Crome, Cora J (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:18 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Climate Change

The administration has been fairly active on climate change, although groups highly focused on the issue might desire even more action or might be unaware of some of our efforts.

- The Governor created the climate change sub-cabinet, which has been meeting regularly and coordinating between departments, the Governor's office, and the university on the issue. The sub-cabinet received a fair amount of press coverage when it was first created despite the lack of a formal announcement. If we were to finalize the administrative order creating the sub-cabinet, that might be an opportunity for a press release to again draw attention to these efforts. The sub-cabinet has been working with communities, national groups, the legislative commission, and the congressional delegation to address topics such as effects on fisheries, erosion in coastal communities, federal legislation, and carbon emissions.
- At some point, federal funding may be available to help states adapt and cope with the effects of climate change. Our D.C. office is already working closely with our congressional delegation on legislation. At this point it isn't clear whether such legislation will be passed or what form it may take, but our office is working to ensure that Alaska benefits from any such legislation.
- We have not yet spoken publicly on HB152, the renewable energy fund. This is largely due to uncertainty about the funding source. Although the concept is one that we would likely support, it is important to verify that the funding source. Options, including the possible use of remaining railbelt energy funds, are being explored. Once a concrete proposal for funding has been advanced, we will be in a position to determine and announce our support for the fund.
- The benefits of the gas pipeline to both the state and the nation have been a major focus of communications from this office. It is possible that a specific tie to climate change could be further emphasized in the future.
- The Western Region Climate Initiative is a relatively new group, formed in February of this year. Currently 6 states and 2 Canadian provinces have joined, while another 4 states and 3 provinces are observers. The climate change sub-cabinet has been discussing what the appropriate level of involvement for Alaska in this and other such initiatives might be.
- We are also coordinating with the Arctic Research Commission to identify opportunities for state

involvement in research and policy matters in the Arctic as changing conditions draw increased global attention to this area.

I can follow up with Larry about progress and future plans for the climate change sub-cabinet and provide more information after I have the opportunity to talk with him.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:20 AM
To: Leschper, Mary C (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Climate Train is Leaving

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-----Original Message-----
From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 23:54:58
To:Palin Sarah' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: FW: Climate Train is Leaving

Governor, I thought a lot about whether I should pass this on but decided you would want to see what the conservation side is thinking. I don't agree with all the comments but a lot matches our thoughts and I respect Kate. Tom

Unknown

From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:59 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Erika: This is ridiculous

I'm sorry that this became such a big issue; no need to apologize for being sarcastic- *sarcasm always help me process through things!* We are on the same page, so we'll get these boys fed with stuff at the House! It's crazy how doing something nice for a high school team can turn into something else. Yikes!

I am just a bit confused about the funding part; but I never sit in on any budget meetings and certainly not this one. When I initially called Linda about the pizza her response was **(paraphrased)** *if the Governor wants to have the football team over for pizza- of course we would pay for it- just like any other event that the Governor hosts-* then we moved on to figure out the best form of pymt. for Domino's/Bullwinkles. I was surprised when I got your first email, so I called her and asked why it was now a problem to host the team; she told me again that the state could pay for the pizza and it wasn't a problem. I didn't go into any details about your email; but wanted to know what had changed. We've only had one reception catered so far (Baranof paid by Cap.CityRep.Wom.) and DOA will be number two (Doc Waters); so to have Domino's cater the third event shouldn't be an issue.

I definitely will increase my prayer time for you!! I appreciate your *mom's heart* towards these boys and your willingness to open up your home to them. If someone is going to criticize you for that- then that's an honorable thing to be criticized for. It will mean alot to these kids to see the House and have a bite to eat after the game!

I pray that you will continue to move forward in God's wisdom and peace as you handle these types of issues. Venting is healthy, so feel free to anytime!!

Erika

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wed 9/12/2007 8:57 PM
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Subject: Erika: This is ridiculous

Sorry, really, to be sarcastic about this Erika! But I had an hour-long conversation about this with Mike, after he spoke with Linda Perez and Karen Rehfeld, and the only thing productive that came out of that discussion was the acknowledgement that Juneau folks are watching very closely everything I and my family does. Mike says that includes things like $ spent at the mansion.

I love kids, sports, teams, etc and they are the people whom i WANT to host and be hospitable towards, versus some of those stuffy receptions I'm expected to host - and today I'm told that since I let the chef go that we can't offer to host a team??? This was the most frustrating issue I've faced in a long time because it's hyprocritical and nonsensicle. It was ok for Murkowski to wine and dine Bill Allen and members of the Corrupt Bastards Club, but I'm going to get hassled over how many old boxes of brownie mixes we use to serve a flippin' high school football team?

I know we're on the same page on this one, but others in the capitol are not. Thanks for letting me vent. I DO appreciate you!
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-----Original Message-----
From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 04:34:37
To:"Erika Fagerstrom" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>,"Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kristina Y Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: This is ridiculous

These are good ideas. Just use what we have in the house, I'll go purchase stuff that's not already in the house if I have to, or I'll bring brownie mixes from home in Wasilla if I find the time to gather stuff up - and then the state won't have to spend anything to host these Alaskan kids so they can eat their brownies at the mansion, legally. And then from hence forth I'll remember that it's "an issue" to feed visitors. This should apply to ALL the visitors, too, though - right? Staff, legislators, Juneau community members, people outside my immediate family, etc who visit the mansion and previously would have been offered something to eat?

I don't want to sound sarcastic about this, and it's not your fault and I appreciate you seeking solutions here - but I've seen what the state spends in our $8 billion budget, and I'm doing all I can to save money out of the Governor's and Mansion's budgets... so it's impossible for me to swallow that this became an issue.

I never thought accepting a team's request to visit their mansion would have turned into an all-afternoon controversy.

Please don't purchase any food, flowers, decorations, bedding, etc for the house for my family. We're going to be under an unfair microscope and the kids and I will make do on our own with this food issue (it's evidently become an issue since we chose to save money by doing without a chef) until someone can put it writing for me what is legal, what is not legal to eat.

Make sure when you invite the Juneau team (and all future teams, classrooms, rotary clubs, NEA groups, legislators, etc) that food won't be served until we get the "go ahead" from whomever makes these decisions for me. Don't want to do anything wrong here....

The only request I have still is for a kitchen table upstairs so we don't have to eat meals sitting on the beds or couch. I'll purchase a cheap one when I get to Juneau, as that would be cheaper than buying a cheap one here and shipping it.
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-----Original Message-----
From: "Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 20:16:52
To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: This is ridiculous

Governor,

Sorry I was rushing out the door for K's Open House..

I'd be willing to use up stuff (3jars of sauce & pkg. of noodles, etc) that we have at the House and just buy some extra spagh. sauce and noodles at Costco and do a low budget dinner for Colony. I'd donate the sauce and noodles if we just wanted to stay away from adding extra costs; might be able to get a donated container of a drink from McDonalds...and use up leftover reception food and we have a box of mic. popcorn plus brownies.

I really don't want to try to push anything on you, just ideas.

Erika

----- Original Message -----
From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Sent: Wed Sep 12 16:41:32 2007
Subject: This is ridiculous

Erika - huge issues seem to have erupted on the visiting football team on Friday. This "controversy" stems from the perception that I'd be favoring a visiting team from the Valley over the local Juneau team, and that "parents are sensitive to this, they may write letters to the editor", etc.

What a crock.

We've hosted so many groups, classrooms, teams, etc in the mansion and/or the Juneau office and no one has said boo about it.

There's questions about who'd pay for what (food-wise) if the visiting team came over. It's obvious the question is being asked because this is a visiting team, and not Juneau (tho I was anxious to have the Juneau visit too). I am sickened by this controversy.

A budget meeting where Perez and Rehfeld brought this up? These type of issues, obviously, were never dealt with by Knowles and Murkowski - I am sickened by this and Erika and I were excited to get to invite more Alaskan kids to see THEIR mansion, not our's.

So as to not disappoint the team, but to not get me, my administration or Erika in trouble, no food will be served unless the team brings it themselves... sounds like the controversy was also over "the State can't pay for the food since there isn't an in-house chef anymore"... So no food.

Add to the solutions' list Mike, Erika, etc so we can conclude this issue before it gets even uglier.

Again, I am heartsick that anyone perceived this a negative thing.
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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 1:52 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: RE: Footballers

:)That certainly would be great!!

Are you thinking as a celebration after the state championships (playoffs etc..) or just go ahead and plan something regardless? We have team dinners the Thursday nights before all of our home games, so that's an option or whenever is fine too!

Erika Fagerstrom
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-----Original Message-----
From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 12:41 PM
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Subject: Footballers

E- no doubt JDHS will win state football championships, so let's plan on having them to the mansion when it's convenient for all, also!
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-----Original Message-----
From: "Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

Date: Sat, 08 Sep 2007 08:23:46
To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Anchorage

Goodmorning,

That's strange-I just received this email dated Sep 7, (8:54AM), but it was delayed an entire day... Hopefully that wasn't the case w any of your other emails yesterday.

Thanks so much for the invitation to your home for dinner. We were really looking forward to watching Bristol's game and seeing you guys! By the time we got in and got a rental car it was already about 8 o'clock. AK Air and mechanicals-ugh!

Kaitlin was sad/disappointed, she was especially looking forward to seeing Piper and Willow.

The fball team usually stays at the HS gyms, but they found a really cheap hotel in Palmer (Moose something..?) so they splurged.

Hopefully we'll see the girls (maybe you too) at the game today!

:)

----- Original Message -----
From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Cc: Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Fri Sep 07 08:54:37 2007
Subject: Anchorage

I'll be in the Anchorage office today so hollar if anything changes re: coming out to wasilla this evening - is the team staying in a wasilla hotel, or anchorage?

It would be fun to go to Bristol's game tonight so we'll do dinner very casual and then go up to the field.
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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:34 AM

To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Martha K (DNR); gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Leschper; Mary C (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); kris.perry@alaska.gov; Anders; Bruce F (DNR)

Subject: FW: BP Story

Here is the 5pm version to compare. Beaudo in this segment continues to speak to them as "fires" not flares, maybe I'm splitting semantics here. However the 2nd piece of the transcript below mentions BP's take that they are "actually a flare of crude that was cleared by a cleaning pig in a feeder pipeline." Don't know if this is helpful or not to you experts!

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From: Jason Moore [mailto:jmoore@ktuu.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:26 AM
To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV)
Subject: RE: BP Story

5:00 version...

[Anchor:MIKE]
{***MIKE***}
[ReadRate:13]
STEVE, STATE OFFICIALS SAY THERE WERE FOUR FIRES AT B.P. FACILITIES ON THE SLOPE DURING THE PAST 30 DAYS...THE STATE SAYS THE LATEST HAPPENED JUST YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.
[TAKE: A ROLL]
{***A ROLL***}
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSIONER TOM IRWIN SAYS STATE INVESTIGATORS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE SLOPE NOW TO INVESTIGATE.
IRWIN SAYS THE STATE IS AWAITING DETAILS ON YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT AT THE LISBURNE PRODUCTION CENTER
BUT B.P. SAYS WHAT STATE OFFICIALS CALL A FIRE WAS ACTUALLY A FLARE OF CRUDE THAT WAS CLEARED BY A CLEANING PIG IN A FEEDER PIPELINE.
STATE OFFICIALS SAY THE NUMBER OF FIRES IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM.....
[TAKE: B ROLL
DURATION:0:25]
{***B ROLL***}
[CG :2 Line Font\\Tom Irwin\\AK Natural Resources Commissioner]
[CG :2 Line Font\\Daren Beaudo\\BP Spokesman]
<10:20...you can't ignore four..you just can't...you can't ignor one, but when it gets four, in my own mind if I were the public I would be thinking 'gee...what's going on?'...:10>
<20:16...fires are regrettable, but they do occur in oilfields...that's why we put so much time, effort and expense into building fire safety systems...multi-layered safety systems...work on training folks to be able to quickly respoind should they occur....:15>
[TAKE: LOSE IT]
{***LOSE IT***}
STATE OFFICIALS SAY THE OTHER FIRES HAPPENED IN AUGUST AT GATHERING CENTER ONE...FLOW STATION #3...AND B.P.'S FACILITY AT BADAMI.
THE COMPANY SAYS THE OTHER INCIDENTS WERE MINOR, AND WERE CAUSED BY SMALL LEAKS OF LUBE OIL OR DIESEL FUEL THAT SPILLED ONTO HOT EQUIPMENT...STEVE...

6:00 version...

[Anchor:JASON]
{***JASON***}
[ReadRate:13]
STATE OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE DEMANDING ANSWERS ABOUT A SERIES OF FIRES AT BP'S FACILITIES ON THE NORTH SLOPE.
[TAKE: A ROLL]
{***A ROLL***}
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSIONER TOM IRWIN SAYS THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR FIRES IN THE PAST 30 DAYS..WITH THE LATEST HAPPENING JUST YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT THE LISBURNE PRODUCTION CENTER.
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BUT STATE OFFICIALS SAY THE INCIDENTS HAVE CREATED A SERIOUS SITUATION...
[TAKE: B ROLL]
{***B ROLL***}
[CG in 0:00 to 0:04:2 Line Font\\Tom Irwin\\AK Natural Resources Commissioner]
[CG in 0:15 to 0:19:2 Line Font\\Daren Beaudo\\BP Spokesman]
<16:50...we'd much rather be telling alaskans we're working on this...we're aware of it...instead of standing here explaining to alaskans why we didn't if something serious happens....this is a preventative approach...:13>
<24:29...nobody wants to have a fire on the north slope, but I think folks can rest assured, and our folks do, that we have protective systems in place and people trained who can take care of them sa soon as they happen...and these three fires were of short duration....:12>
[TAKE: LOSE IT]
{***LOSE IT***}
THE STATE SAYS THE OTHER FIRES HAPPENED LAST MONTH AT GATHERING CENTER ONE...FLOW STATION NUMBER THREE...AND BP'S BADAMI FACILITY.
THE COMPANY SAYS THOSE WERE BRIEF FIRES CAUSED BY LEAKS OF LUBE OIL OR DIESEL FUEL THAT SPILLED ONTO HOT EQUIPMENT.
THE STATE AND BP SAY THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE IN ANY OF THE INCIDENTS.

-----Original Message-----
From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [mailto:frank.bailey@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:13 AM
To: jmoore@ktuu.com
Subject: BP Story

Hi Jason,

Thanks for pointing me to Mike Ross's story. Is the 5pm or 6pm version available by chance somewhere?

My direct line here is 269-7459.

Thanks a lot.

Frank

Director, Boards and Commissions
Office of Governor Sarah Palin
907-269-7450

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 5:10 AM
To: Tom Irwin
Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

Where is dec on this lately? All of our plates are full, but if im missing something here w/climate opportunities ive been waiting for larry to let me know what they're doing next and how i can help.

Did you respond to kate?

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 23:54:58

To:Palin Sarah' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: FW: Climate Train is Leaving

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From: Kate Troll [kate@akvoice.org]

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2007 6:19 PM

To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Tom_Irwin@state.ak.us

Subject: Climate Train is Leaving

Tom
I am writing you because we have had several conversations about how climate change affords the Governor with a prime opportunity to shine on a national stage and restore some of Alaska's tarnished image. But right now we appear only to be playing the role of the poster child for impacts or as some say, the role of the victim. Yesterday again we played the role as the Anchorage Daily News reported, "Alaska polar bears called doomed". It is clear that our polar bears are serving as the national icon for the climate change challenge. Yet, the stories about stepping up for action on climate change come from elsewhere. Most recently it was the Republican Governor of Idaho. "Where is Alaska?" is the question that rises to the top. This is Alaska's number one social, cultural, economic and environmental issue. Yet we are not part of the solution dialogue. From where I sit – connected to what going on in DC and other states – the train is leaving the station and Alaska doesn't appear to be on it. The climate change subcabinet is a good start but the state needs to act more boldly and publicly to take action on climate change. And it's economically and politically safe to do so. Here is my take on why and how the Governor can take a center stage on this issue:

- Alaska's natural gas is the transition fuel to a clean energy economy not only for us in Alaska but for the nation. As I've explained before the gasline is part of the national equation on how we address climate change i.e. AIGA is Alaska's gift to America. Clean Alaska gas replaces dirty US coal plants.
- Use this energy card as the Governor's venue for playing nationally. Have Governor Schwarzenegger come up and help set this stage; calling upon major energy companies to submit bids on AIGA as part of their corporate responsibility to address climate change. My sources say he is willing to come but will only do at the invitation of Governor Palin.
- A poll of Alaskans in August of 2006 revealed that over 80 percent are convinced global climate change is happening; over 70 percent are convinced that global climate change is a serious threat to the people and environment of Alaska; and over 80 percent favor regulating greenhouse gas emissions from power plants.
- Recognizing that many Alaska villages and rural residents are on the frontline of feeling the impacts, 150 Alaska Native groups including Native Corporations, tribal governments and AFN have passed resolutions calling for action. The eroding villages are constantly being highlighted in news sources and documentaries but so far no has stepped in to help move their communities.
- The Mayors of Anchorage, Juneau, North Pole, Kodiak, Shishmaref and Homer are all on record opposing climate change and are taking action to curb carbon emissions in their communities.
- Federal funds targeted to go to states to help them adapt and cope with the impacts of global warming could be tied to a state's level of activity to reduce emissions within their boundaries. Particularly now with the shifting political landscape, Alaska needs to position itself positively to receive mega federal funding.
- 26 states are completing climate action plans, with 14 states having greenhouse gas reductions targets. Many states found that policies that address climate change were not a burden on commerce but rather presented economic opportunities. Some states are using action on climate change to position themselves in new markets related to climate action: producing and selling alternative fuels, attracting high-tech business and selling carbon reduction credits.
- With our vast and abundant renewable energy sources from wind, geothermal, hydro and tidal we

could be a national and international leader on providing clean energy but we need to invest in research and development; position ourselves to become part of the hydrogen fuel solution. Funding HB 152 is a good start but we can do so much more and other states and provinces are way ahead of us.

There are four things she can do right now to show leadership, 1) invite Governor Schwarzenegger up to Alaska and use this opportunity to announce how Alaska's natural gas and in particular the gasline is part of the national solution 2) announce the climate sub-cabinet and dedicate a person in the Governor's office to be a climate change coordinator.... the Governor's office needs to be engaged for the sake of designing and driving the bigger energy stage, 3) indicate an intent to support and fund HB 152, 4) announce that Alaska will join the Western Region Climate Initiative as an observer with an eye to participating once all the dynamics are understood.

Tom, speaking candidly with you, climate change is the NUMBER ONE concern or issue for the conservation community. I know that we may not come to agreement on all the other development proposals out there, but it is my sense that TIMELY action (not Johnny-come lately action) by the Governor will hold in good stead regardless of the other issues. I want her to succeed as Governor. From where I sit, strong action now on one's of the greatest challenges facing Alaska is key to her success. I've had this conversation with Martha Levensaler and know she concurs.

Please know that we stand ready to assist in whatever we can.
Yours in putting Alaska First
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